

# New South Wales Skilled Migration Case Study

## EMMA JOHNSON PhD

Dr Emma Johnson arrived in Australia from the United Kingdom in August 2004 on a one year temporary 457 employer sponsored visa to work at the Pain Management Research Institute (PMRI) at the University of Sydney.

Emma had the option to accept postdoctoral research placements in New York and Berlin but chose Sydney because of the international reputation of the research team at PMRI and a love of Sydney's beautiful harbour that was established on a previous holiday visit.

Based at the Royal North Shore Hospital, Emma works as a Research Pharmacologist designing and carrying out experiments to further understanding in the field of opioid pharmacology.

Further developments at PMRI resulted in grants being received to enable Emma to continue her research here until December 2008.

Currently residing with her partner in Kirribilli on Sydney's lower north shore, Emma leads an active life in the local community: volunteering for Aids Trust Australia, working at Kirribilli markets,



*Emma enjoying sailing on Sydney Harbour*



*Emma at Royal North Shore Hospital*

learning to sail on Sydney Harbour, rowing with the University of Sydney, and has made many friends along the way.

Thoroughly enjoying Sydney's outdoor sunny lifestyle and her novel research at PMRI, in November 2006 Emma successfully applied for sponsorship from the NSW Department of State and Regional Development for a State/Territory Nominated Independent (STNI) visa under the classification of Life Scientist.

Emma enjoys world travel but is happy to say 'no city can compare with Sydney's breath-taking vibrant harbour coupled with its relaxed lifestyle and such wonderful people'. In June 2007 her new found dream came true when she was granted permanent residency in Australia by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

Two of her colleagues at PMRI who are currently on 457 visas are looking to apply for State sponsorship as well.

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[www.business.nsw.gov.au/migration](http://www.business.nsw.gov.au/migration)